

## REMARKS

### The Pending Claims and the Amendments to the Specification and Claims

With the entry of the amendments above, Claims 21-33 are pending in the application. Support for newly-presented Claims 27-33 is as follows.

Support for Claim 27, reciting at least 40 percent polyamide in the third layer of the film, can be found in Claim 3 in the parent application and at Page 4 line 25 of the specification, as amended above.

Support for Claim 28, reciting a total free shrink at 185°F of from 40 to 170 percent at 185°F can be found at Page 4 lines 26-27 of the specification. The thickness uniformity of at least 20 percent is disclosed at Page 5 line 1 of the specification.

Support for the recitation in Claim 29 of the polyamide making up at least 50 percent of the third layer can be found at Page 4 line 25, as amended above, together with Page 40 lines 13-17 of the specification.

Support for the recitation in Claim 30 of the polyester comprising from about 80 to about 95 mole percent terephthalate units is supported by Page 5 lines 8-11 of the specification.

Support for Claim 31, i.e., for the recitation of the polyamide having a melting point of from about 120°C up to 145°C, can be found in the specification at Page 26 lines 17-23.

Support for Claim 32, i.e., that the polyolefin in the first layer has a melting point of from about 50°C to less than 125°C, can be found in the specification at Page 23 lines 17-22.

Support for Claim 33, i.e., that the polyester has a melting point of from about 210°C to about 235°C, can be found at Page 28 lines 22-27.

The amendments contain no new matter.

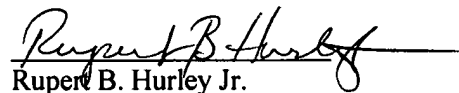
### The Claims, as Amended, Are Patentable Over the Prior Art

Applicants contend that none of the prior art of record in the parent application teaches or suggests the process recited in the claims presented above, in that none of the prior art teaches or suggests the recited film being used in a stack seal process in which at least two bags are sealed while stacked, with the bags being freely separable from one another.

VII. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the claims as amended, with a view towards allowance. Should there be any questions or suggestions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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